(4) Whether Mysoreans did not occupy the post of Traffic Manager and other high places in the State?

(5) Whether there is any necessity to employ a highly salaried officer as Secretary and Agent for our Railways?

(6) Whether competent persons were not available to take the place of Mr. Bury?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) to (6). This is being done now.

It is the avowed policy of Government to train local officers, and till such time that they are fit to take up positions of responsibility, it is necessary in the interests of service to import officers from outside the State.

MESSRS. SRINIVASA DIKSHIT, SHIMOGA DISTRICT BOARD AND D. VONKARAPPA, SHIKARPUR MUNICIPALITY.—

Q.—7. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) Whether the plans and estimates for the construction of an anicut to the Kumudwati river near Anjanapur in the Shikarpur Taluk so useful and imperative to the needs of the Taluk have been received for sanction of Government?

(2) Whether the order of Government sanctioning the project will be announced in this Assembly, as favourable consideration of the question was promised by the Dewan during his tour in the Shimoga District during January?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR IRRIGATION.—

A.—(1) Yes. They have been returned for certain modifications of design etc., and also information regarding revenue that could be realised, contributions expected, etc. This information has just been obtained from the Revenue Department to arrive at the financial aspect of the scheme.

(2) In view of further modification that was considered necessary from professional standpoint, it is not found feasible to announce sanction in the Assembly. The subject is receiving attention and will be disposed of as early as possible.

MR. C. RASOOL KHAN, ANJUMAN-E-ISLAMIA, CHIKMAGALUR.—

Q.—8. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(2) The income, expenditure and the net profit from the Sandalwood Oil Factory, since it was established? and

(2) The net profit when the wood was being sold in public auction?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2). Sandalwood is an article for sale by Government and what is realised for it is its price, whether it is disposed of as wood or as oil and no question of profit arises. The system of treating one part of the realisation as profit and another as the value of wood was unsatisfactory and has been given up. The revenue realised on account of sandalwood, whether disposed of as wood or as oil, is ascertainable from published accounts under the head "Forest," previous to the opening of the Factories and from the year 1922-23, and under both the heads "Forest" and "Sandal Oil Factories" during the period when the revenue was shown under these heads.

MESSRS. A. VENKATARAMAIYA AND PATEL SHANKARAPPA, TARIKERE TALUK.—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) The amount that has till now been expended on Tramway line from Tarikere to Narasimharajapura?

(2) The number of times the works once executed have been revised?

(3) The extra expenditure incurred by such revision?

(4) Whether there is any probability of revising them once more?

(5) How often the bridge work to the Ratawala Halla on this line was executed and the amount of money that has been spent over it?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—(1) Rs. 6,53,983.

(2) Improvements to the line have been done in 20 places since the original construction.

(3) Rs. 40,000.
(4) Not likely.
(5) (i) Once.
(ii) Rs. 9,000.

MR. D. S. HANUMANTHA RAO, DEVANHALLI TALUK.—

Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state :—
(1) Whether they are aware of the insufficiency of water to the lands below Sonne Amanikere in the Devanhalli Taluk?
(2) If so, whether it will be possible to raise the waste weir of that tank?
(3) How the applications of the raiyats praying for substitution of the dry assessment for the wet assessment presented during the time of survey and the Survey Jamabandi were disposed of?
(4) Whether, without the consent of the raiyats holding lands below any tank, the raiyats of dry lands are allowed the use of the water of that tank thus causing loss to the former?

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

A.—(1) and (2)—The complaint of insufficiency of water to the lands as quoted is under investigation and Government have called for a report on the proposal to convert a portion of the atchkat from wet into dry.
(3) There is no information available on the point, but a repot will be called for.

A.—(1) 1,357 acres and 19 guntas of arable land assessed at Rs. 210 belong to the Ganigas.
(4) No such case has come to notice, but Government are making enquiries.

MR. MURUGESAM PILLAY, ADI DRAVIDA ABHIVRIDDHI SANGHAM, BANGALORE.—

Q.—11. Will the Government be pleased to furnish information for each of the last 3 years on the following matters relating to the Panchamas in the State?
(1) Number of schools for Panchama boys and girls.
(2) Number of Panchama boys and girls in general schools.
(3) Number of wells sunk for the use of Panchamas in the State.
(4) Extent of lands given at concession rates for Panchamas.
(5) Number of appointments given to Panchamas.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT—

A.—(1) and (2) A statement furnishing the information is placed on the table. (See Appendix A.)

REVENUE SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

(3) The number of such wells sunk during the last three years out of District Funds, Municipal Funds and Malnad Improvement Funds is shown in the statement appended hereto. (See Appendix B.)
(4) Two thousand eight acres and 8 guntas of land were granted to the Panchamas during the last three years in the Districts of Tumkur, Hassan, Shimoga and Chitaldrug. No lands have yet been granted in the Kadur District where three applications are pending disposal. Information in respect of the three remaining districts has been called for and will be furnished on receipt.

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.—

(5) The total number of appointments given to Panchamas during the past three years was as follows :—

	Superior service	Inferior service
1920-21	24	70
1921-22	22	65
1922-23	35	74

NOTE.—These include temporary, acting and permanent appointments.

MR. B. NARASINGA RAO, SERINGAPATAM TALUK.—

Q.—12. Will the Government be pleased to state :—
(1) What the percentage of increase in assessment was in case of dry and wet lands separately over the old collections in the 69 villages referred to in